MAJORING IN PEAS

A Group of Brooklyn College Students Begins an Experiment in Education

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MORRISVILLE, N. Y. — MAJORING in green peas and string beans, with supplementary courses in such academic subjects as English composition and political science, 160 Brooklyn College students are experimenting with a new kind of education in a small up-State village this summer. Quartered on the campus of the Morrisville Agricultural and Technical Institute, the college corps, the first of its kind, spends its days harvesting crops on Madison County farms. In the evenings the boys and girls—80 per cent of the number are girls—go to class.

Familiar to them until a week or two ago only as part of the blue plate special or the vegetable dinner, peas and beans now compose the chief topic of student conversation. The undergraduate newspaper is called The Bean Stalker. Theme song for the group is a little ditty beginning “I think that I shall never see a pea repulsive as a pea,” while still another song declares that “If I die in Morrisville, I’ll leave you green peas in my will.”

Old Hands Already

Gripping, as in the Army, is prevalent.

In daytime students, quartered at the Morrisville (N. Y.) Agricultural and Technical Institute, harvest crops.

Classes begin at 7:30 P. M. Girls make use of the dormitory steps for finishing homework and for writing letters.